

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claims 1-11 (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) A method of previewing a document over a network, the method comprising:

providing system software for use on a client, wherein the system software allows a user of the client to use a local application to request to remotely print the document, ~~wherein the local application is configured to at least one of: display or edit the document,~~ and wherein, in response to the request and without further user interaction, ~~the system software:~~ generates a print file on the client based on the document, transmits the print file to a server in response to the generation of the print file, and prompts the user to configure and preview a bound copy of the document using a browser in response to the transmission of the print file, wherein the local application is configured to at least one of: display or edit the document;

obtaining the print file from the system software executing on the client on the server;

providing a configuration wizard for display in a browser on the client in response to a request from the client;

obtaining configuration information for the document on the server from the configuration wizard, wherein the configuration information defines finishing and binding options for a printed copy of the document;

generating a preview of a configured copy of the document on the server based on the print file and the configuration information; and

providing the preview for display at the client.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the providing system software step includes installing at least one print driver for generating the print file on the client.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13, further comprising:

listing each of the at least one print driver on a list of available printers for the client;

selecting one of the at least one print driver using the local application;

generating the print file using the one of the at least one print driver; and

communicating the print file to the server over the network.

15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the providing the preview step includes:

generating a configuration user interface on the server, wherein the configuration user interface includes:

a preview area for displaying the configured copy of the document; and

a printing option area for obtaining the configuration information; and
providing the configuration user interface for display at the client.

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the obtaining configuration information step includes:

obtaining a style and a printing option for printing the document;
modifying the preview based on the print file, the style and the printing option;
and
providing the modified preview for display at the client.

Claims 17-19 (Canceled)

20. (Currently amended) A system for previewing a document over a network, the system comprising:

system software configured to allow a user to request to remotely print the document, ~~wherein~~ and, in response to the request and without further user interaction, ~~the system software generates~~ generate a print file on the client based on the document, ~~transmits~~ transmit the print file to a server in response to the generation of the print file, and ~~prompts~~ prompt the user to configure and preview a bound copy of the document using a browser in response to the transmission of the print file, wherein the print file can be directly printed by a printer;

~~means for obtaining~~ a component configured to obtain the print file from the system software executing on the client and configuration information for the document

on the server, wherein the configuration information defines finishing and binding options for a printed copy of the document;

~~means for generating~~ a component configured to generate a preview of a configured copy of the document based on the print file and the configuration information on the server; and

~~means for providing~~ a component configured to provide the preview for display at the client.

21. (Previously presented) The system of claim 20, wherein the system software includes:

a print driver that generates the print file, wherein the print driver is included on a list of available printers for the client; and

an upload manager that communicates the generated print file to the server.

22. (Previously presented) The system of claim 21, further comprising a local application that generates the document, displays the list of available printers and enables a user to select the print driver from the list of available printers.

23. (Currently amended) The system of claim 20, further comprising:

~~means for generating~~ a component configured to generate a configuration user interface on the server, wherein the configuration user interface includes a preview area for displaying the preview and a printing option area for selecting at least one printing option; and

~~means for providing~~ a component configured to provide the configuration user interface for display at the client.

24. (Currently amended) A system for printing a document over a network, the system comprising:

~~means for providing~~ a component configured to provide system software for use on a client, wherein the system software is configured to enable a user of a local application executing on the client to request generation of a print file based on the document using the local application, generate the print file in response to the request without further user interaction, and transmit the print file to a server in response to the generation of the print file without further user interaction;

~~means for obtaining~~ a component configured to obtain a print file from the system software executing on the client and configuration information for the document on the server, wherein the print file can be directly printed by a printer and the configuration information defines how to assemble a printed copy of the document;

~~means for generating~~ a component configured to generate a preview of a configured copy of the document based on the print file and the configuration information on the server;

~~means for providing~~ a component configured to provide the preview for display at the client;

~~means for printing~~ a component configured to print a copy of the document using the print file; and

~~means for assembling~~ a component configured to assemble the copy as defined by the configuration information.

25. (Currently amended) The system of claim 24, further comprising:

~~means for obtaining~~ a component configured to obtain a delivery address for the copy; and

~~means for delivering~~ a component configured to deliver the copy to the delivery address.

26. (Currently amended) The system of claim 24, further comprising:

~~means for obtaining~~ a component configured to obtain payment information for the copy; and

~~means for processing~~ a component configured to process payment for the copy using the payment information.

27. (Previously presented) The system of claim 24, wherein the system software includes:

a print driver that generates the print file, wherein the print driver is included on a list of available printers for the client; and

an upload manager that communicates the print file to the server.

Claims 28-30 (Canceled)

31. (Currently amended) A computer program product comprising a computer recordable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein for printing a document, the program product comprising:

program code for providing system software for use on a client, wherein the system software allows a user of the client to use a local application to request to remotely print the document, ~~wherein the local application is configured to at least one of: display or edit the document, and wherein, in response to the request and without further user interaction, the system software:~~ generates a print file on the client based on the document, transmits the print file to a server in response to the generation of the print file, and prompts the user to configure and preview a bound copy of the document using a browser in response to the transmission of the print file, wherein the local application is configured to at least one of: display or edit the document;

program code for obtaining a print file from the system software executing on the client and configuration information communicated over a network, wherein the print file is based on the document and the print file can be directly printed by a printer and the configuration information defines how to assemble a printed copy of the document; and

program code for printing a plurality of copies of the document based on the print file and the configuration information.

32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the print file can be directly printed by a printer.

33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the print file comprises one of: a PostScript file and a Portable Document Format (PDF) file.